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SUBJECT: WFC: NGO PARTICIPATION

1. HANS DALL, WFC COORDINATOR NGO ACTIVITIES, PROVIDED DEPUTY REP WITH COPY LETTER TO DALL DATED OCTOBER 15 FROM HERB WATERS, CHAIRMAN WORLD HUNGER ACTION - COALITION (WHAC) WITH TWO ATTACHMENTS.
2. LETTER PROVIDES LIST OF US NGO DEL OF 21 HEADED BY SENATOR CHARLES PERCY AND GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, MILTON SHAPP. WATERS MENTIONS "OUR SECRETARIAT, FOR WHICH US EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED OFFICE SPACE IN EMBASSY ANNEX."
3. ATTACHMENT 1, A WORLD HUNGER ACTION COALITION (WHAC) MEMO TO WHAC MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED NGO'S, REFERS TO A "ROME SECRETARIAT FOR THE COALITION AND ALL OTHER NGO'S"; THAT THE "USG PROVIDING OFFICE SPACE FOR SECRETARIAT IN ROOM 110 IN EMBASSY ANNEX"; THAT "FODAGS CONFERENCE ROOM WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR WHAC LEADERSHIP MEETINGS . . . AT ALL TIMES EXCEPT WHEN IN USE FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATION MEETINGS"; AND THAT "GOVERNOR SHAPP HAS ALSO ARRANGED FOR A 200 PERSON PACKAGE TOUR AT CHARTER RATES FOR "CONCERNED CITIZENS".

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4. ATTACHMENT TWO INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT WHAC IS ACCREDITED AS

"OFFICIAL OBSERVER OF THE CONFERENCE; KEY AMERICAN PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN ATTENDING, BUT WHO OTHERWISE DO NOT HAVE UN ACCREDITED STATUS WILL BE REGISTERED AS PART OF THE WHAC "OBSERVER" GROUP". WATERS DESCRIBES ARRANGMENTS AT EMBASSY ROME AND WHAC'S ROLE AS COORDINATOR.

5. THERE IS NOTHING IN ABOVE WHICH TECHNICALLY TRANSCENDS AGREEMENTS ARRIVED AT WITH SHAUGHNESSY DURING THIRD PREPCOM. HOWEVER, SUGGEST SHAUGHNESSY CONTACT WATERS AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. COOL IT SOMEWHAT: OPEN INVITATION NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE COULD MUSHROOM AND GET OUT OF HAND. IF IT DOES EMBASSY WILL HAVE TO SHUT DOWN NGO ASSISTANCE.

B. WATERS' SECRETARY MUST BRING OWN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT.
NONE
AVAILABLE HERE.

C. ENTRY TO ANNEX WILL BE RESTRICTED TO CLEARLY IDENTIFIED REPS AND NOT TO ANYONE WHO SHOWS UP AT LAST MINUTE TO CLAIM HE BEARS WHAC STAMP OF APPROVAL.

D. WE DID NOT ANTICIPATE EITHER SENATOR PERCY OR GOVERNOR SHAPP COMING IN THIS CAPACITY AND WE HOPE ITS CLEAR TO THEM THAT ANNEX FACILITIES ARE NOT IN MAIN EMBASSY AND ARE SEVERELY RESTRICTED.

5. DO NOT WISH TO SOUND NEGATIVE BUT BELIEVE BETTER THAT WATERS NOT RAISE GREAT EXPECTATIONS ON PART NGO REPS. VOLPE

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